Message

From: Peterson, Cynthia [Peterson.Cynthia@epa.gov]

Sent: 3/12/2015 7:10:35 PM

To: Parker, Robert [Parker.Robert@epa.gov]; Cirian, Mike [Cirian.Mike@epa.gov]

CC: Chalfant, Mark [Chalfant.Mark@epa.gov]; Wilder, Scott [Wilder.Scott@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: email to Jenny Chambers

Yes, I'll add her contact info to the list. We'll need to check with Mark, but, even though we aren't in the official 60-days, I would suggest that we handle comments that we are receiving now as part of the public comment process. I'm not sure how they will be collected, but I think this email and Congressman Zinke's letter should be added to a holding list of comments.

Cynthia

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Cynthia Peterson

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From: Parker, Robert

Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 11:23 AM **To:** Peterson, Cynthia; Cirian, Mike **Subject:** FW: email to Jenny Chambers

Hi Cynthia,

I spoke with Diane Heminway, with United Steelworkers, this morning. She told me that she was planning on sending an NPL support letter from United Steelworkers. I suggested Shaun McGrath would be an appropriate recipient. She had some additional concerns, which are outlined below in her email she originally sent to Jenny Chambers with MDEQ. I suggested she could submit those concerns as part of a public comment period.

Could you add Diane Heminway's contact info, below, to our public mailing list?

Thanks, Rob

From: Heminway, Diane [mailto:dheminway@usw.org]

Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2015 10:02 AM

To: Parker, Robert

Subject: email to Jenny Chambers

Rob,

Thanks for getting back to me today. Below is the email I mentioned with my contact info listed at the bottom. Thanks for agreeing to have Cynthia Peterson add me to the mailing list for the Columbia Falls Aluminum site.

From: Heminway, Diane

Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 1:10 PM

To: 'jchambers@mt.gov'

Subject: follow-up from telephone message

Hello Ms. Chambers,

Thank you for returning my call. I'm sorry that I was out of the office yesterday and missed speaking with you. On behalf of United Steelworkers, I would like to know the NPL status of the Columbia Falls Aluminum plant. According to the Region 8 site report, it is not yet listed on the NPL.

We would like to support your agency in seeing that this site is adequately investigated to determine the extent of contamination, including fish tissue sampling.

We are also concerned about potential health risks associated with eating wildlife from the property since hunting has been approved for youth hunters (and hunters permitted to hunt from a vehicle)who are allowed to take white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, game birds, black bear and turkey from the area. Uptake of toxic heavy metals in deer, elk and other wildlife, particularly in organ meat, has been well documented at other sites and resulted in the issuance of health advisories to warn hunters about the consumption of contaminated wildlife.

It is our desire to support your efforts and to formalize our concerns in writing. I would appreciate your advice in seeing that our concerns are directed to the proper agency personnel. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Diane Heminway

"Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect." Mark Twain

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